Meetings of tribal advisory bodies or committees

*195. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is regularly convening the meetings of Tribal Advisory Bodies or Committees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the time frame for convening such meetings; and

(d) what are the guidelines issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There are no such Tribal Advisory Bodies or Committees constituted in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Allocation of power from Mega power projects

*196. SHRI P.R. RAJAN:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had placed the condition of privatization of distribution, for allocation of power from Mega Power Projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Kerala Government had represented, during 2007-08, for removal of the above condition under peculiar circumstances of the State;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon;

(e) whether a decision would be taken in affirmative to the above representation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The condition of privatization of distribution in cities with a population of more than one million, for allocation of power from Mega Power Projects was stipulated to encourage investment in the power sector by reducing the risk perception of the developers about financially weak State Electricity Boards.

(c) Yes, Sir. Kerala Government had requested for amending the Mega Power Policy deleting the condition of privatization of distribution in cities.

(d) to (f) A proposal to review the Mega Power Policy is under consideration.

Setting up of central universities

*197. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
DR T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up 12 more Central Universities, adding to its present strength;